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UNDP RESREP IN BURUNDI (YONKE OF CAMEROONS) CALLED ON ME AND OTHER AMBASSADORS LAST WEEK TO DESCRIBE TERRIBLE FINANCIAL PLIGHT OF LOCAL PROGRAM FOR 1976. MAIN TROUBLE IS THAT EARLIER AUTHORIZATIONS FROM NEW YORK IN 1974 AND 1975 HAD APPROVED FIFTY PERCENT EXPANSION OF 1976 EXPENDITURES, NOT EVEN COUNTING ADDITIONAL OVER ONE MILLION DOLLARS FOR UNDP PRE-FEASIBILITY STUDY OF NICKEL PROJECT. NOW, AFTER EXPERTS RECRUITED IN MANY FIELDS, NEW YORK HAS ORDERED CUTBACK TO ORIGINAL LEVEL FORESEEN FOR 1976 IN FIVE YEAR 1972-76 PROGRAM, AND EVEN STUDY MAY HAVE TO BE SQUEEZED WITHIN THAT TOTAL. AS A RESULT, COMMITMENTS OF UNDP ARE NOT BEING MET RIGHT AND LEFT, AND MANY ARRANGEMENTS FOR EXPERTS ARE BEING CANCELLED WITH MUCH BITTERNESS ON PART OF EXPERTS AND GRB. YONKE HOPES MAJOR DONORS, SUCH AS U.S., WILL FIND WAY TO INCREASE UNDP CASH AVAILABILITY RAPIDLY FOR AT LEAST PARTIAL RESTORATION OF ANTICIPATED 1976 PROGRAM, SINCE CURRENT SITUATION IS UNDERMINING AGENCY MORALE, SOURING SHORT AND MEDIUM TERM EXPERTS ON ACCEPTING

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UNDP JOBS, AND GIVING RISE TO MUCH RECRIMINATION AMONG DISAPPOINTED

RECIPIENTS SUCH AS BURUDNI, WHICH HAVE A PLETHORA OF
DEVELOPMENTAL PROBLEMS ANYWAY, WITHOUT ADDING A NEW ONE.
THIS POST WOULD MUCH APPRECIATE RUNDOWN OF DISCUSSIONS AND
OUTCOME OF CURRENT UNDP GC IN NEW YORK.MARK

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